

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 1:15-CR-00283  
:   
v. : (Judge Rambo)  
:   
CURTIS WALDRON : Electronically filed

**BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION  
FOR RECONSIDERATION OF  
ORDER OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

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## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

The defendant, Curtis Waldron, submitted a request for a reduction in his sentence under the compassionate release statute, 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), with this Court, which appointed the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to represent Mr. Waldron in connection with the request. Docs. 78, 80. Mr. Waldron submitted a counseled supporting brief, the government filed an opposing brief, and Mr. Waldron filed a reply. Docs. 86, 90, 91. By order of September 3, 2020, this Court denied the motion. Doc. 92.

## **STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

Whether this Court should reconsider its decision denying Mr. Waldron's motion for a reduction in his sentence under the compassionate release statute, 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), to correct a mistake of fact or law.

## **ARGUMENT**

The purpose of a motion for reconsideration is to correct manifest mistakes of law or fact or to present newly discovered evidence. *Harsco Corp. v. Zlotnicki*, 779 F.2d 906, 909 (3d Cir.1985). Here, reconsideration is warranted in light of a mistake of fact or law.

The motion for compassionate release, which was premised largely on the extraordinary risks to Mr. Waldron's health and safety resulting from the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and his pre-existing medical conditions, was denied on the ground that "Mr. Waldron has not served a sufficient amount of his time." Doc. 92

at 4. However, service of a particular amount of an imposed sentence is not a prerequisite for compassionate release or a reduction in that sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A).

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, this Court should reconsider the order dated September 3, 2020, grant the motion for compassionate release and reduction of sentence, and resentence the defendant accordingly.

Date: September 4, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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